
2017 STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS

RELEASE IN MEDIA WIKI FORMAT



NEW PUBLICATION TO BE RELEASED

- Nothing Magical.... MDOT - SHA is releasing a new publication of the Standard Specification for Construction and Materials (“Spec Book”)
 - Same thing we did in 2008, 2001, 1993, and several times before
- Many SPIs have been released in the past 9 years making much of the Grey book obsolete

It is time for a new publication

NEW METHOD BEING USED FOR THIS RELEASE.....WIKI

- The new book will be released in Wiki format within the MDOT Policy Manual
 - https://policymanual.mdot.maryland.gov/mediawiki/index.php?title=Main_Page
- What is Wiki?
 - An online format that allows for quicker updates and publications
 - Wikipedia is the most well known site in this format
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page
 - Fun Fact....Wiki is the Hawaiian word for “Quick”. The inventor learned of the word in the 1990’s when he was told to take the “Wiki-Wiki Shuttle” between airport terminals
- We are not the first State using this method
 - Missouri has been our model.... http://epg.modot.org/index.php?title=Main_Page



WE ARE ONLY CHANGING THE FORMAT..... NOT THE PROCESS

- The Wiki format allows for instant editing and updates from a collaboration of users...
 - We will NOT be allowing updates in the manner
 - Re-publishing is anticipated to occur once per year... probably in the month of December
 - Individual specifications will continue to be revised through the SPI Clearinghouse process with new documents included in the IFB.... Just as it always has.
 - Older versions of the Spec Book will continue to be available.... Obviously needed for multi-year contracts

WHAT ABOUT PRINTING? I WANT THE BOOK IN MY HAND

- Very much aware that an online book is not useful if a device is not available
- A printable copy of the Standard Specification will be available for those who wish to have a physical version

SCHEDULE....WHEN IS THIS HAPPENING?

- The Office of Highway Development is currently working on the final touches and to include recently approved SPIs
- The book will be provided to other MDOT TBUs, Counties, and FHWA in the next few weeks for comment
- It will be available for public consumption in the April / May time frame
- Contracts advertised in June will be the first ones including this new reference

NOTE: All Specifications included in the book will have already gone through approvals by the SPI Clearinghouse and the Federal Highway Administration. The text in this book is already being included in contracts, this release is not changing procedures.